

MELANCHOLY DISASTER.—The brig Shawmut, which arrived at this port yesterday from Rio Janeiro, on the 11th ult., in latitude 25 10, fell in with the wreck of the brig Naiad, and of and from Halifax from Demarara, when the following melancholy particulars were ascertained. The Naiad, Capt. Pearson, sailed from Halifax on the 14th September, for Demarara, and on the 22d, in latitude 29 38, was capsized in a heavy squall, and two of her crew were drowned in the forecastle. She however righted the next day with the loss of all her spar except the foremast, and full of water. No vessels came near enough to afford her any assistance, and one by one the officers and men died of hunger and thirst. When found by the Shawmut, there was but one man (named Wm. Fossick) alive on board. He was in the fore-top, and was in a state of utter helplessness. When taken off, he supposed that it was about the 20th of October, and that the last of his comrades had died about six days before. It was not until after his recovery that he was able to relate the foregoing facts. [Boston Post.]

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The Conservative portion of the Loco-Foco party in New Hampshire, under the auspices of their leader, Isaac Hill, are about to hold a State Convention at Concord, to concert measures to bring out their strength to the polls in March next. J. H. White, of Lancaster; Ex-Gov. Page, of Haverhill; or Ex-Gov. Badger, of Gilmanton, will probably be the Hill candidate for the gubernatorial chair, in opposition to the present incumbent, Henry Hubbard. [Bos. Am.]

CHEAP LIVING.—In the provision market of Columbus, Ohio, last week, the finest turkeys were selling at 25 cents each; geese at 18 cents; ducks at 16 cents the pair; and chickens at 75 cents a dozen—a sixpence a piece! Beef at 2 cents per lb., and other staples in proportion. A cheap place to live in, that Columbus must be. But perhaps, as Pat said of the state of things in Ireland—a plague could be bought for sixpence—but the turkey was to get the money. [Com. Adv.]

AN AERIAL STEAM-CARRIAGE.—This is the name which has been given to a new machine, for which a company has taken out a patent, and which is to convey passengers, goods, and despatches through the air, performing the journey from London to India in four days! and to travel at the rate of from 75 to 100 miles per hour! A company of gentlemen is really formed, even of mechanical men; the patent was formally sealed on the 29th of September last, and systematic arrangements are in progress to complete the design. In January the machine will be thoroughly organized, and until then we take leave of the subject, and only trust that this alleged invention is neither exaggerated, nor an Utopian project; and, from the conversation we had with those in connection with the design, we have every reason to believe that neither is the case. [London Atlas.]

ANOTHER DISASTER.—STEAMBOAT ERNE. The steamboat ERNE, owned in this city by William T. Pease and others, while on her downward passage from Port Huron, on Tuesday afternoon, was so seriously damaged by coming in contact with the ice in Lake St. Clair, that she sunk in nine feet water, off Point Huron, near Belvidere. She had little or no freight on board, and her passengers and crew were all saved. [Rich. Adv.]

THE FAMOUS "BRITISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION," formed in England under Sir Allan McNab to colonize the poor in Canada, proves to be a speculation. The Duke of Argyll, who was appointed as President of the Society, with 34 Scotch Barons as Vice Presidents, disavows any responsibility, except having made a donation of £500. It appears to have been a speculation scheme of Sir Allan, who is now in Canada, and gives notice in the Canadian papers that the whole stock of the Association, £200,000, has been placed at his disposal, and invites those having land they wish to sell to deed it to him, and take stock for the amount—the prospects and ultimate gain of the Association at the time being most gloomily set forth.

THE STAR, published at Richmond, Va., says, "the four enemies indicated for firing the ship Magazine, were tried and acquitted. There is something curious and rather funny about the case. There were three witnesses, who have been in prison about two years, held in bondage to give testimony in the case. These poor fellows, as might be expected, were rather sick of being caged in that way, and so they clubbed together and paid counsel a round fee to have the matter settled, out of the fees coming to them. The notion of witnesses paying to have an accused party cleared, is decidedly funny, and taken with the incarceration makes in this case a state of things decidedly novel."

NATIONAL OBSERVATORY.—We have been informed that Lieut. J. M. Gillis, United States Navy, took passage in the Acadia, and that he goes out vested with full powers by the Secretary of the Navy, to purchase a complete set of instruments for the National Observatory now in course of erection at Washington, that he has been charged by the Secretary to visit all the principal Observatories of Europe, and to procure of the most eminent makers the following capital instruments: One sixteen feet Parabolic Instrument, to be mounted in a similar manner to the Pulukova Refractor.

One Transit Telescope for the meridian, of seven feet focal length.

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[Boston Courier.]

WE REGRET to hear that two pilots are reported to have been drowned below Quebec during the late severe gale. They were traversing from a ship to the shore when the boat swamped. One is represented to be of old standing and reputation in his calling.

THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE for the present week may be obtained at the office this afternoon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—Sketch of Dr. HAWKS'S Lecture on the Life and Character of JOHN SMITH; Dr. SMITH'S Seventh Lecture on Geology; Poynt's Aun, by N. P. WILLIS; Destruction of Life in China; Interesting Correspondence from Philadelphia; Political History of the United States, prepared for the Tribune by Edwin Williams; Parker's Sixth and Last Sermon on the Times; Trial of Alexander at Philadelphia; General news of the Day; Poetry, Accidents, Casualties, &c. &c. Money Market, etc.

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A CARD.—Captain Batchelder, of the Sixth District, has read with surprise and indignation a card of thanks, purporting to come from the men under his command, in which Aldermen Jones and Gedney are freely censured. He begs to assure those gentlemen that it is a gratuitous assertion, by some person or persons to him unknown, and that he was in no way consulted or cognizant of the same.

WILLIAM W. SHIRLEY, Auctioneer.—THIS DAY, Friday Dec. 9, at 10 o'clock, at No. 122 Fulton-st., a large and general assortment of valuable furniture, in part—4 Centre Tables, marble tops; 3 Secretary Book Cases; 2 Wardrobes; 12 Dinner Portfolios; 6 Chairs; 6 French Bedsteads; 2 Extension Dining Tables; 12 China and Glass; 20 Dinner Sets; 24 elegant gilt Tea Sets; 20 Toilet Sets; Brussels Carpets, a quantity of Crochery and Glass. Those wanting bargains will do well to attend.

THE LADIES' FAIR, for the benefit of the Poor will be continued THIS DAY at Dr. Patton's Church, Spring-st., starting at 10 o'clock. The weather yesterday having been unfavorable to the object.

EXPEDITION TO CAPE PALMAS.—The annual expedition by the Maryland Colonization Society for the Colony of Cape Palmas will sail on Saturday next, the 10th inst. The barque Globe, a large and fine vessel, is engaged for the expedition.—The number of emigrants will be from 140 to 150. Of those, 30 go out on behalf of the American Colonization Society, and will land at Monrovia. The rest are all from the State of Maryland, and will settle in the Cape Palmas Colony. This is the largest expedition that the State Society has yet sent out.

AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA.—The Tallahassee Star says that there are 1278 cases set down for trial on the civil docket before the Supreme Court, now in session at that place, and adds: "Property will not command money; Cotton, the great staple of the country, cannot be sold for cash in this market; houses and lands are valueless, when placed in competition with dollars and cents; property sold under execution at this time will hardly sell for sufficient to pay the costs of suit, sale, and the fees of the officers."

ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY HERO GONE.—The Concord (N. H.) Patriot says: Mr. John Elliot, of this town died on 22 December. He was present at most of the hard fought battles of the Revolution in New-England, and when the last war was declared, he shouldered his musket and was in active service during a large portion of the last war. He was at the time of his death in his 83th year.

LOSS OF EVADING POSTAGE.—An individual in Cumberland, Md., wished to send a letter, with \$50 enclosed, to Baltimore, and at the same time save postage. After seeking at the depot for a person to entrust the letter with, he handed it to a gentleman who had kindly offered to take it and drop it in the Baltimore post-office, on reaching the city. Of course he never heard of the gentleman afterward, nor of the letter and \$50 bill.

EARTHQUAKE.—A correspondent at Elizabeth, in Jackson county, writes that a slight shock of an Earthquake was felt at that place, about noon, on the 31st inst. [Arkansas Gaz. Nov. 16.]

THE DWELLING-HOUSE of John B. Preswick, at Fall Creek, Tompkins County, was destroyed by fire on Friday night, the 25th ult. Nearly all the wearing apparel of the family, together with the greater portion of the bedding and furniture, were destroyed. The whole loss is estimated at about \$1,500; insurance for \$500 only in the Montgomery County Mutual.

WE HEAR it stated that there is a letter in town from Mr. Dorr, stating that he is desirous to come home again to his native State, that in order to do so he is willing to abide by the Constitution lately adopted, and what is more, to advise his friends to do so; that he is sick and weary of the life of comparative isolation which he now leads. Mererum this. [Prov. Chron.]

A BRIGITTE little fellow on being asked by his school-ma'am—'What is a bridge?'—promptly replied, "A thing for vessels to sail under."

Two drunken men have recently been killed in New-York, by falling under the wheels of carriages. Rum is the great Juggernaut of our country.

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OFFERING, we believe, at \$475 is the highest bid. In South there is nothing doing, and the quotations are without change. Sales 200 bushels of Pennsylvania at \$4.75. Sales 250 bushels of New York at \$4.75.

GRAIN.—We notice sales of Illinois Wheat—the balance of the parcel, sales from which were reported yesterday—200 bushels, at 97 cents for shipment. There is now but little wheat offering. Corn is without material change, but for New Northern higher prices are asked, say 50 cents, but we hear of no sales at that rate. Sales 200 bushels of Jersey at 53 cents measure. The market, we believe, is clear of Southern. Sales 1000 bushels of Rye, in the ship, at 62 1/2 cents. Oats are in fair supply and we quote River 23 a 50. Canal, 30 a 32. The sales are moderate. Shorts and Stuffs are scarce and improving. We notice sales of 2000 bushels of Shorts at 14 cents, and 2000 bushels of Ship Stuffs at 14 cents, out of store for shipment.

HOPS.—Within a few days about 11c. for exports Western, of good quality, have been taken at 11c. for export.

SEEDS.—For 30 tons good Clover seed, was offered yesterday at 12 1/2 cents. New Orleans Rough Flax at \$9.50.

TALLOW.—We hear of little doing today. Some orders have been contemplated by this steamer. A sale of 20,000 lbs. Head was made at 6 1/2c.

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SPENCER announces to gentlemen that his arrangements are now completed for supplying according to previous intimation, at \$3.00 per dozen, (or \$3.25 per dozen) which shall render it emphatically the cheapest as well as lowest priced Gentlemen's Hat ever on sale in this city.

IT IS PREPARED in the same style which characterizes our finest article, and like that article is offered at a price at which it cannot be continued without an unusually rapid sale. The undersigned with all confidence affirms it to be the gentleman and economist's most desirable Fur Hat yet offered. (2026) SPENCER, 245 Broadway.

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THE LAW REPORTER for December, 1842. Day published by BRADY, SODEN & CO, No. 127 Nassau-street.

ART. I. The Case of the William Brown, or a Review of the Trial of Alexander William Brown for throwing overboard a portion of the passengers of the ship "The William Brown," &c. &c.

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GRAND TEMPERANCE FAIR.—There will be a Fair held at the Temperance Fair, on Friday evening, Dec. 9, 1842, at the following places:—

Miss Collins, 220 Washington St.; Miss Willcox, 227 Henry-st.; Mrs. Cohen, 100 Warren-st.; Mrs. Smith, 101 Warren-st.; Mrs. Robinson, 102 Warren-st.; Mrs. Jones, 103 Warren-st.; Mrs. Van Evely, 421 Green-wich-st.; Mrs. Nald, 66 Robinson-st.; Mrs. Eldridge, 220 Washington-st.

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